

the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the joint resolution. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, as is the right of the minority.

Mr. Speaker, the current continuing resolution expires at the end of the day on Saturday, and a further continuing resolution is necessary to keep the government operating while Congress completes its consideration of the remaining appropriations bills.

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Mr. Speaker, House Joint Resolution 111 is a clean continuing resolution which simply extends the provisions included in House Joint Resolution 109 through October 20.

Mr. Speaker, as my colleagues know, we have been working hard to pass remaining appropriations bills as soon as possible. Honest disagreements remain on both sides of the aisle.

However, the House has made progress at resolving these differences over the past 2 weeks, passing the interior, agriculture, energy, and transportation conference reports. We are now very close to completing the appropriations process.

I share the disappointment of many of my colleagues that the negotiations have stretched on this long. However, we have a responsibility to stay the course and pass sensible and fiscally responsible appropriations bills. So, because we refuse to bend our principles, we will stay here in Washington for another week, away from our families, our districts, and our homes.

This fair, clean, continuing resolution will give us the time we need to fulfill our obligations to the American people and finish the appropriations process in an even-handed and conscientious manner.

The rule was unanimously approved by the Committee on Rules yesterday. I urge my colleagues to support it so we may proceed with the general debate and consideration of this bill.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MOAKLEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, this is the third concurrent resolution we have done this year. It will push back the appropriations deadline once again for my Republican colleagues, and this time it will push it back to October 20.

The 1974 Budget Act requires that the 13 appropriation bills be signed into law by October 1. The beginning of the fiscal year. But despite repeated promises to the contrary by the Republican leadership, very little appropriation work is finished, even as we speak. Today only two out of 13 appropriation bills have been signed into law, Military Construction and Defense. Three more are on the way to the President,

Transportation, Interior, and Agriculture. The others are in various stages of incubation.

Part of the reason for the lack of progress, Mr. Speaker, is my Republican colleagues' budget, which did great things for the very rich and failed to set aside enough money for middle-class tax cuts or social security preservation or medical prescription drug benefits, or any of the other issues that are so important to the working American families.

My Republican colleagues should have passed a minimum wage increase. They should have passed a bill to help us repair our schools, or passed a bill to hire new teachers. They should have passed the Patients' Bill of Rights, Medicare prescription drug benefits, gun controls, gun safety legislation.

But Mr. Speaker, my Republican colleagues have had plenty of time to finish these appropriation bills and a lot more, but they did not. Now, in order to keep the Federal government open, we must pass this third continuing resolution.

The administration asked for a shorter continuing resolution in order to get more things done. I believe they were right to do so. But nonetheless, I will support this longer continuing resolution.

Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. LINDER. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time, and I move the previous question on the resolution.

The previous question was ordered.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on House Joint Resolution 111, and that I may include tabular and extraneous material.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS, FISCAL YEAR 2001

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 627, I call up the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 111) making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2001, and for other purposes, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the joint resolution.

The text of House Joint Resolution 111 is as follows:

H.J. RES. 111

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America

in Congress assembled, That Public Law 106-275, is further amended by striking "October 13, 2000" in section 106(c) and inserting in lieu thereof "October 20, 2000".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 627, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. YOUNG) and the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. OBEY) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Florida (Mr. YOUNG).

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, the continuing resolution before us is the third one for this fiscal year. It would continue the original CR until October 20.

I might say and remind my colleagues that the House has passed all of the appropriations bills earlier this year, but because of conference meetings that needed to be taken care of and meetings with the White House, we have not concluded that business.

However, I am also happy to report that there is considerable movement, I believe, in the other body that we will see today, and hopefully we will be able to conclude this appropriations business next week in the House and in the other body.

So I merely ask the support of the Members to conclude this CR today so we can pass it on to the Senate and then get about our business.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself 13½ minutes.

Mr. Speaker, what I say is meant in no way to criticize the gentleman from Florida, because he has been one of the few realistic voices on the other side of the aisle trying to point out what the realities are.

But the fact is, this is, what, the third continuing resolution that we have had. The budget is supposed to be done on October 1. We are now getting much closer to November 1 than we are to October 1. What have we seen? We have seen bill after bill emerge from conference which have wound up spending much more money than is in the President's budget.

Those bills have virtually no relationship whatsoever to the budget resolution which was laid out at the beginning of the year. Yet, we have no real progress in meeting the needs that we feel on this side of the aisle with respect to the most crucial issue remaining in the budget, which is education.

We also have seen, although one of the appropriation bills tries to provide a fig leaf on this issue, we have seen this Congress take no action on prescription drugs. We have seen this Congress take no action on the Patients' Bill of Rights. Both of those issues are still pending in one form or another in various appropriation bills. Yet, none of them have any real prospect of being dealt with by this Congress before we adjourn.